GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing Department – Procurement of Maize under MSP during Kharif 2022, if the prices fall below the MSP – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency- Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.786 Dated:16/11/2022

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agriculture & Cooperation (MKTG. II) Department, Dated: 09-01-2020.
2. MSP for Kharif crops for KMS 2022-23 declared by GoI vide Dept. of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, letter dt.15-06-2022.
3. Mail received from the Commissioner of Ariculture,dt:29.09.2022.
4. M.D, A.P.MarkFed, Vijayawada, e office File no. APMF-P&M/Maize/MSP/ Kharif/2022-23, Dt:19.10.2022.

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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse Grains were issued to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the reference fourth read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that, the Director of Economics & Statistics vide letter third read above has communicated Production estimates and expected harvesting/ market arrival period for Coarse grains during Kharif 2022. As per the information furnished by the Department of Agriculture, the area under Maize cultivation is 1,28,330 Ha with the expected production of 6,60,096 MTs against previous year cultivated area of 1,13,352 Ha., production of 5,67,558 MTs.

3. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Maize as Rs.1962/- per Quintal for the KMS 2022-23. As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Food and Public Distribution, the Government of India will give financial assistance for procurement of the coarse grains under MSP provided that, the procured coarse grains are distributed under Public Distribution by the Government. As Maize is not distributed under Public Distribution System/other schemes in the State, the procurement of Maize under MSP has to be taken up in the State Account.

4. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency and to accord permission to procure 1,65,024 MTs of Maize under MSP during Kharif 2022 in the State Government Account. Further, Managing Director, A.P. MarkFed has requested to arrange the required funds from Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) and accord permission to raise the funds by way of loans from the private Banks.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the exigency to procure Maize to ensure remunerative price to the farmers and relieve them from distress sale, hereby nominate the A.P MarkFed as the Nodal Agency for procurement of 66,000 MT of Maize if the prices fall below the MSP, under Price Support Scheme(PSF) on MSP during Kharif 2022 with the following modalities:-

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1. The MSP fixed by the Government of India for Kharif Marketing Season 2022-23 for FAQ Maize of Rs.1962/- per Quintal shall be Implemented by the Nodal Agency i.e A.P.MarkFed.

2. The procurement period will be from 17 -11-2022 to 31.12.2022

3. The procurement centers will be at the RBK level. The procurement centers/agencies will be decided by the District Administration in the District Level Procurement Committee meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

4. The District Administration can also decide to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), FPO's, Village Organizations (SHGs) as Agencies for taking up procurement operations at the RBK level.

5. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in the e-Crop portal of the Department of Agriculture during Kharif 2022-23.

6. The A.P.MarkFed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipment like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales, etc., at the procurement centers. The Nodal Agency, the AP MarkFed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipment at the purchase centers well in advance.

7. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P.MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Maize at MSP from the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF). In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers the A.P MarkFed is permitted to raise the loans from the Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government PSF.

8. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector (RB&R), a committee shall be constituted with JDA, PD DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD, Mktg.; District Manager, AP MarkFed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Maize. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/Gunnies/ unloading rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

9. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Maize MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.

10. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/AWSL/NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Maize. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWC and other service providers shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement/ warehouse receipts.

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11. The Aadhar based online farmers payments should be done through CM APP.

12. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on an actual basis, which include Storage charges, packing material cost, unloading/loading hamali charges, transportation, cost grading and packing stitching charges and QR code label cost and commission/service charges etc.

13. Commission of the grain cost (MSP) on the procurement of Maize will be provided to the Nodal agency i.e. A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

14. After completion of the Maize procurement in the State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to decide on the early disposal of the procured Maize stocks.

15. The A.P.MarkFed shall take necessary steps for ensuring the liquidation of the procured Maize stocks at the earliest to minimize the procurement losses.

16. After disposal of the stocks, the Managing Director, A.P MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. the difference between the Cost of acquisition and sale Price realized shall be borne by the State Government from Price Stabilisation Fund.

6. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (EAC) Dept. vide their U.O.No:FIN01-FMU0ASD(AC)/36/2021- FMU-AC-CS-AH,Dt:04/11/2022.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

CHIRANJIV CHOUDHARY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P, Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P.,Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers through Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The PS to the Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, A.P.
The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for (Fin & CS), A.P., Velagapudi.
The P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agri., Mktg., Coop. & Food Processing, Velagapudi.
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//Forwarded by Order//

S. Narasinga Rao
Section Officer